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April 28, 1986

Mr. Douglas Boscheinen Project Manager Anschutz Mining Corporation 2400 Anaconda Tower 555 Seventeenth Street Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mr. Boscheinen:

Per your request, please find enclosed a copy of the Preliminary Assessment for Anschutz Madison Mine Site.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Greg Pavely

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Environmental Engineer

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**Enclosure** 

CC: Mr. Randall Miller

Mr. Burt McCullough, Waste Management Program

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**MEMORANDUM** 

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DATE:

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TO:

Mr. Burt McCullough, Waste Management Program

FROM:

Mr. Greg Parely thru Mr. Rick L. Roberts, P.E. thru Mr. James A. Burris, P.E., Poplar Bluff Regional Office

SUBJECT: Preliminary Assessment

Please find attached a completed Preliminary Assessment for Anschutz's Madison Mine Site.

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Attachments

A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

OF

POTENTIAL UNCONTROLLED HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE

FOR

ANSCHUTZ'S MADISON MINE

EAST MARVIN AVENUE

FREDERICKTOWN, MISSOURI



WASIE MANAGEMENT

# PREPARED BY:

GREGORY PAVELY
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
POPLAR BLUFF REGIONAL OFFICE

#### I. INVESTIGATOR:

Greg Pavely, an Environmental Engineer with the Waste Management Unit of the Poplar Bluff Regional Office, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, has conducted this preliminary assessment.

II. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED: November 10, 1980

DATE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED: April 4, 1986

#### III. BACKGROUND OF THE INVESTIGATION:

Consideration of Anschutz's Madison Mine area as a potential hazardous waste disposal site by this office first began on November 10, 1980 when a complaint was received that "transformer oils" were being dumped into the old mine shafts. A subsequent investigation on December 18, 1980 by Rick Roberts and Daniel Leyland revealed no evidence of any illegal hazardous waste activity.

The site has been mined intermittently since 1847 for various metals including lead, copper, cobalt, and nickel. Anschutz acquired the property in 1979 from Mr. Silas Dees to explore the feasibility of mining for cobalt and of reprocessing the cobalt rich tailings left there by National Lead Corporation when it ceased production in 1961. During 1979, Anschutz began dewatering the mine and set up a pilot plant to use the cobalt rich tailings for modeling of their planned processing facility. In 1984, Anschutz determined that cobalt production was uneconomical and the project was terminated.

The specter of hazardous waste contamination was raised again by Rick Roberts on November 20, 1985 when aerial photographs of the site taken by him revealed what looked like ponds of black oily liquid standing where the old cobalt tailings had been located.

## IV. IDENTITY OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED FOR THIS REPORT:

Mr. Douglas Boscheinen, Project Manager for Anschutz 2400 Anaconda Tower, 555 Seventeenth Street Denver, Colorado 80202 Telephone: (303) 298-1000

Mr. Ken Lashley, Caretaker for Anschutz East Marvin Avenue Fredericktown, Missouri 63645 Telephone: (314) 783-5127

#### V. DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE INVESTIGATION:

Rick Roberts on December 5, 1985 completed a site identification form on the site which he had photographed from the air on November 20, 1985. He reported "two or three small ponds containing a black oily substance near the old mine works" and referred to the previous report of "transformer oils" being dumped at the site. He recommended that sampling be done and analysis for PCB's and other chlorinated organics be done.

Sam Brenneke from Laboratory Services and I visited the site on January 14, 1986 to determine what sampling equipment and how many samples would be required. At that time, we talked to Mr. Don Cooper, owner of the adjacent property, which consists of the old National Lead processing and storage facilities. He claimed no specific knowledge of any oils being dumped at the site. We also talked to Mr. Ken Lashley, a neighbor and the caretaker for Anschutz. He gave us permission to walk over the site and claimed no knowledge of any illegal dumping.

Samples were taken on February 25, 1986 by Sam Brenneke and Bill Johnson. They were accompanied by Rick Roberts, Joe Rowe, and myself. The samples are currently being analyzed by Laboratory Services.

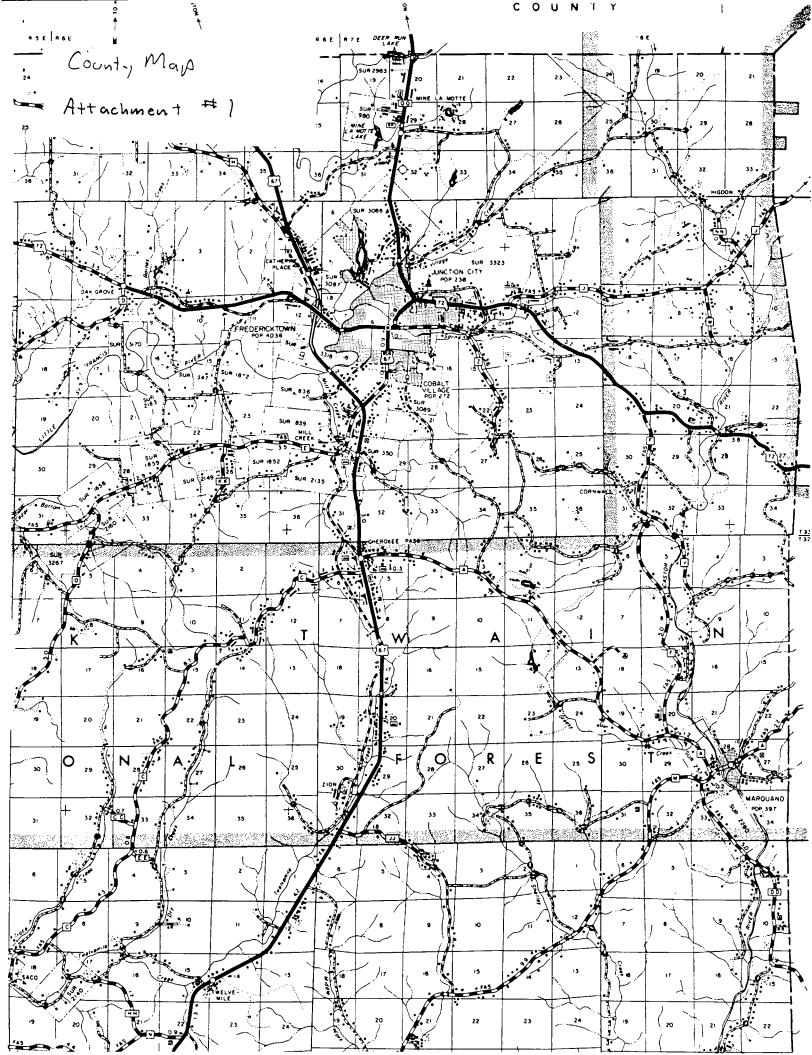
Mr. Douglas Boscheinen, Project Manager for Anschutz telephoned this office and explained that the pits in question are located on the old cobalt tailings pile and that the black liquid is an unavoidable result of rainwater leaching out lead and forming sulfuric acid from sulfates in the old tailings.

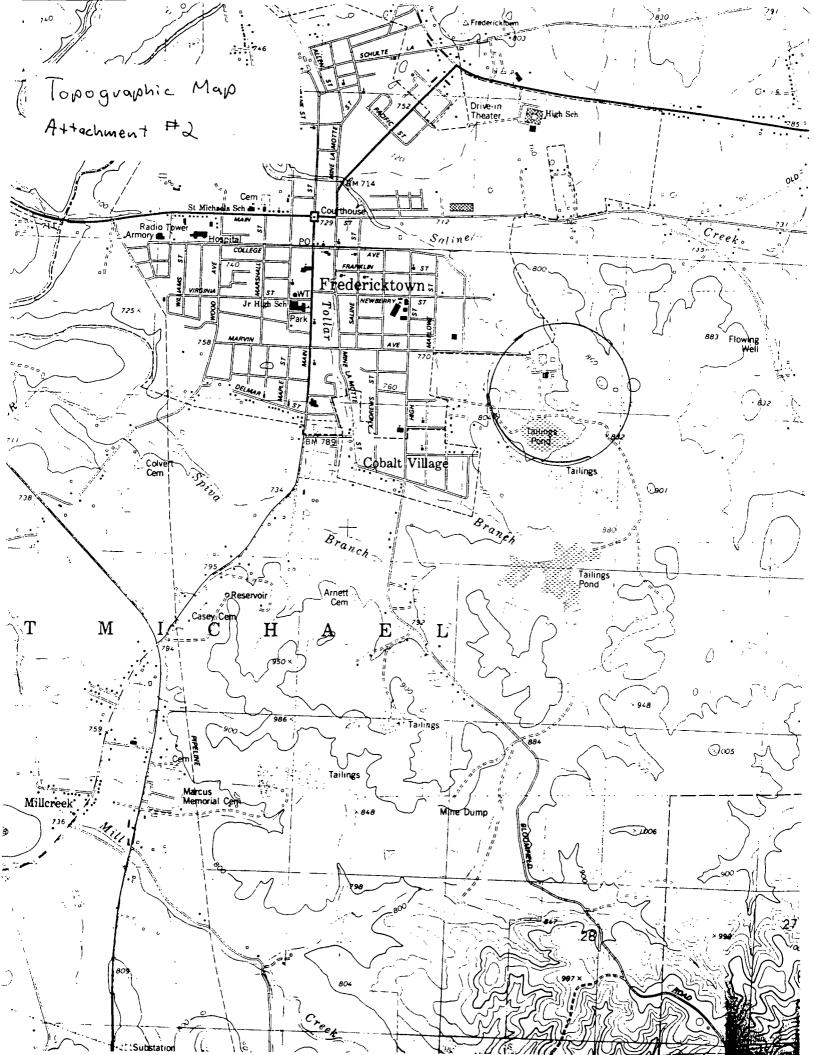
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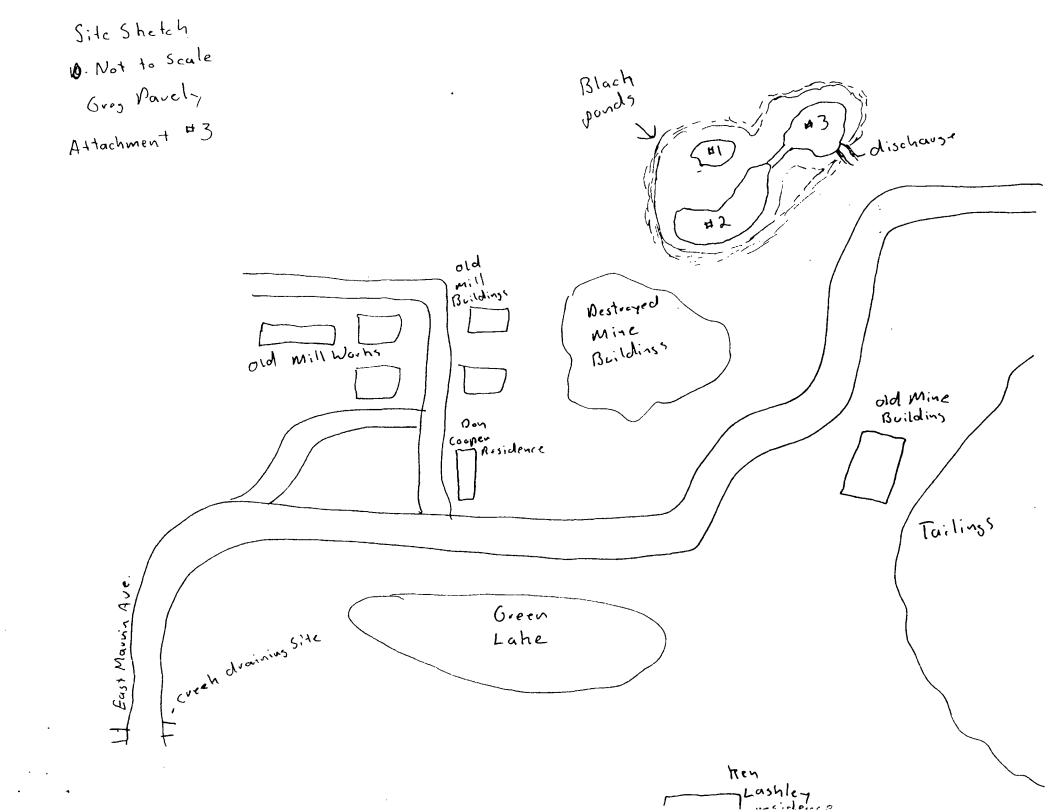
Since the sampling has already been completed, it is recommended that a site investigation be performed once the sample results can be analyzed. Due to the fact that the liquid originates in a mine tailings area, particular attention should be paid to the presence of any PCB's or other chlorinated organics. High levels of TEP lead in the ponds should be expected because of the presence of lead sulfate ores which can be soluble in rainwater. Cobalt may also be present if the solution is acidic enough. It is important to note whether there are high levels of contaminates in the creek which drains the site because it is the creek which presents the greatest potential contact with the public.

#### VII. ATTACHMENTS:

#1	County Map	#4	Photographs
#2	Topographic Map	#5	References
#3	Site Sketch	#6	EPA Forms









Attachment #4 Photographs

## Attachment #5 - References

- 3.500 MADISON COUNTY Anschutz Corporation (Water Pollution File)
- 3.500 MADISON COUNTY Anschutz Corporation (Hazardous Waste File)
- 3.000 MADISON COUNTY General File

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